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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, Sovereign of our land and source of courage, we thank You that You know our needs before we ask for Your help, but have ordained that in the asking we would find release from the anxiety of carrying the burdens of leadership on our own shoulders. Help us to remember that You are the instigator of prayer. It begins with You, moves into our hearts, gives us the clarity of knowing how to pray, and then returns to You in petitions You have refined and guided us to ask. We are astonished that You have chosen to do Your work through us and use prayer to reorient our minds around Your guidance for the issues we will face today. We say with the psalmist, "You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me."—Psalm 31:3.

Suddenly, we see prayer in a whole new perspective. It's the method by which You brief us on Your plans and bless us with Your power. May this whole day be filled with magnificent moments of turning to You so that Your purposes, Your glory and honor in America, may be done through us. Give us vision to be dynamic leaders. In the all-powerful name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

Mr. HAGEL. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, for the information of all Members, this morn-

ing, the Senate will begin consideration of Senate Resolution 98, the global warming resolution. Under the consent agreement, there will be 2 hours for debate on that resolution, with two amendments in order. Senators can, therefore, expect a rollcall vote at approximately 11:30 a.m. It is also possible that following the disposition of Senate Resolution 98, there will be a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 39, the tuna-dolphin bill. If an agreement is reached on that measure, that cloture vote may be vitiated. All Senators will be notified if that vote remains necessary.

I thank Members for their attention.

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—S. 1065

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DEWINE). The clerk will read the bill for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1065) to amend the Ethics in Government Act with respect to appointment of an independent counsel.

Mr. HAGEL. I object to further proceedings on this matter at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF SENATE REGARDING U.N. FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will now report the resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 98) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the conditions for the United States becoming a signatory to any international agreement on greenhouse gas emissions under the United Na-

tions Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. HAGEL addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska.

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, the Framers of the Constitution gave the executive branch of our Government authority to negotiate treaties. But they also intended for the Senate's voice to carry weight in negotiations. This morning, the Senate is fulfilling its constitutional responsibility to give its advice to treaty negotiations.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, if my colleague will permit.

Mr. HAGEL. I yield to the Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. KERRY. I want to inquire, are we now on the divided time, Mr. President?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is now 2 hours equally divided on the resolution.

Mr. KERRY. I understand that, and time for the proponents will be managed by the Senator from Nebraska, Senator HAGEL?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is correct.

Mr. KERRY. So we must yield time at this point?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska is recognized.

Mr. HAGEL. I yield myself whatever time is necessary, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska.

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, the pending resolution, Senate Resolution 98, with its 65 cosponsors, is intended to change the course of negotiations on the new global climate treaty now under discussion.

The need for this treaty is questionable, but the harm that it would cause is certain. Two articles in this Monday's Wall Street Journal, written by

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